

# Treatment Admissions for Primary Opiates in Kentucky: 2001-2007.

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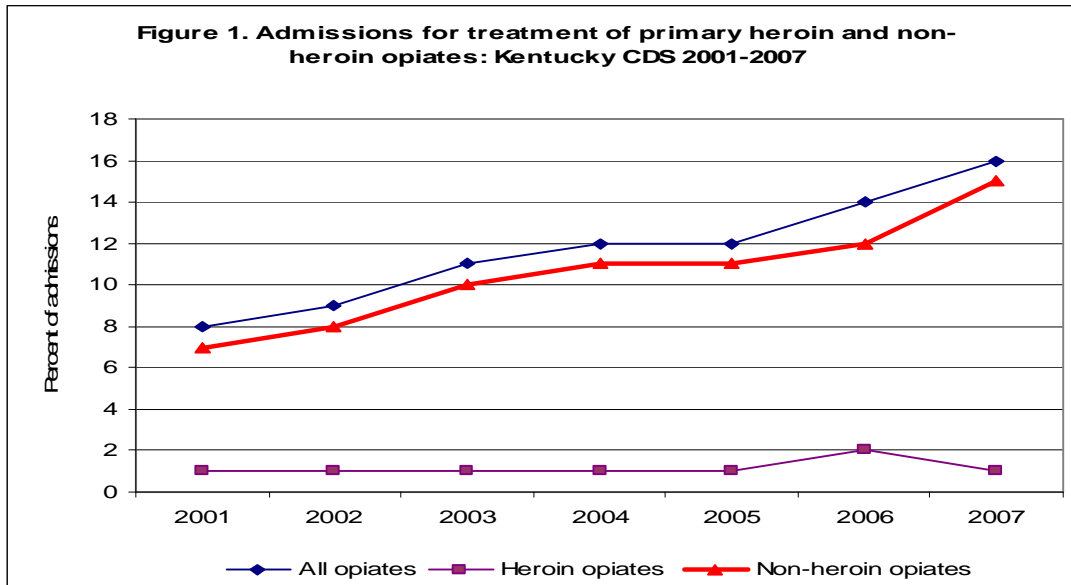
## In Brief

- Admissions for primary abuse of opiates made up 10% in 2001 and 16% in 2007 and they were the third admissions after alcohol and marijuana in 2007.
- Non-heroin opiate admissions were likely to increase steadily from 7% to 15%, while heroin opiate admissions were likely to remain unchanged at about 1% from 2001 to 2007.
- Average age at admissions was likely to be somewhat older for heroin opiate admissions than non-heroin admissions (32.3 vs. 31.1 years old in 2001; 30.4 vs. 29.5 years old in 2007).
- Non-heroin opiate admissions were more likely than heroin admissions to have the first time treatment (55% vs. 44% in 2001 and 66% vs. 48% in 2007).

This report examines differences between characteristics of primary admissions of heroin opiates and non-heroin opiates in Client Data Sets (CDS)<sup>1</sup> for fiscal years from 2001 to 2007.

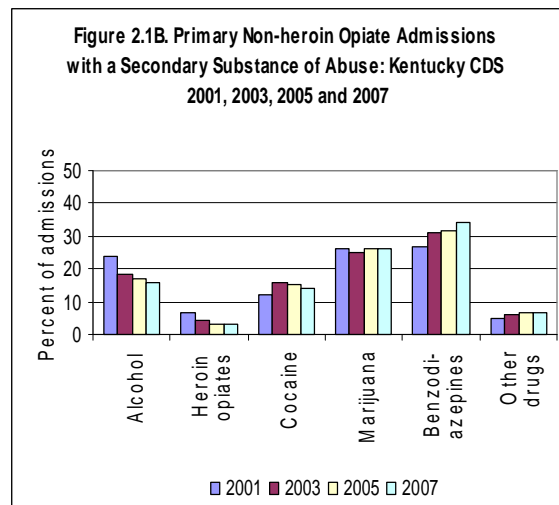
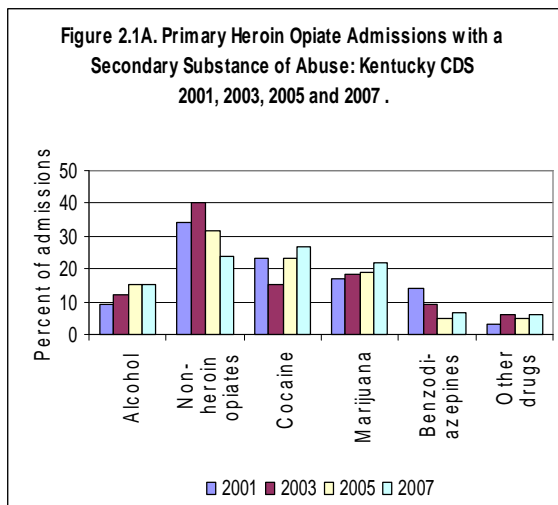
## Primary Heroin and Non-Heroin Opiates<sup>2</sup>

Admissions of primary opiates were the third proportions after admissions of alcohol and marijuana in 2007. Primary opiate admissions made up 10% in 2001 and 16% in 2007. Among opiate admissions, admissions for primary heroin opiates (about 1 percent) remained unchanged; whereas, admissions for primary non-heroin opiates steadily increased from 7 percent to 15 percent for the same time-year period (Fig. 1 and Table 1A and 1B in Appendix).



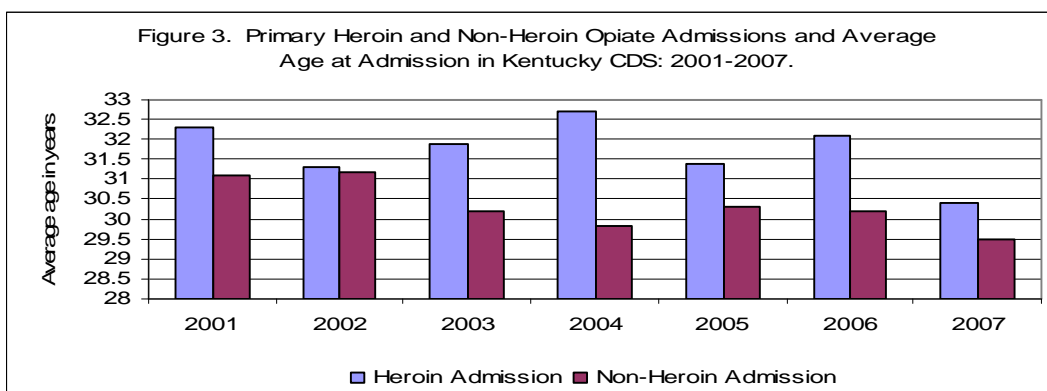
### Secondary Substance of Abuse<sup>3</sup>

Between 2001 and 2007, among admissions reporting a secondary substance of abuse<sup>2</sup>, heroin opiate admissions were less likely than non-heroin admissions to report alcohol as the secondary substance (9% vs. 24% and 15% vs. 16%), marijuana (17% vs. 26% and 22% vs. 26%) and benzodiazepines (14% vs. 27% and 7% vs. 34%); in contrast, heroin opiate admissions were more likely than non-heroin opiate admissions to report cocaine as the secondary substance (23% vs. 12% in 2001; 27% vs. 14% in 2007) (Fig. 2.1A, 2.1B and Table 2 in Appendix).

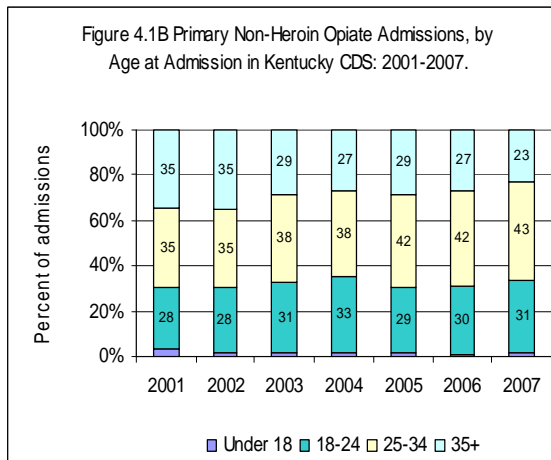
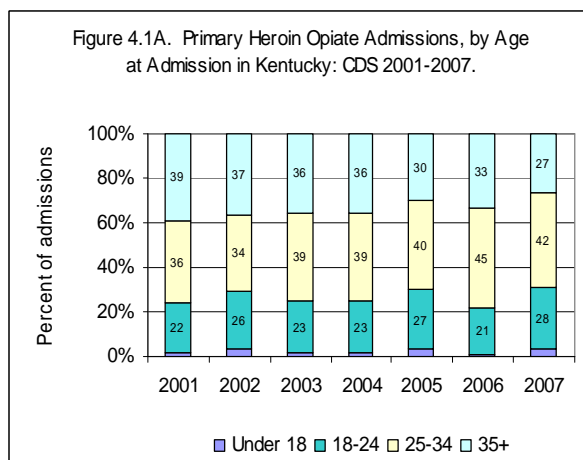


## Demographic Characteristics

There were little differences between heroin admissions and non-heroin opiate admission among males (54% vs. 55% in 2001 and 46% vs. 53% in 2007) and among females (46% vs. 45% in 2001 and 55% vs. 47% in 2007) (Table 3.1 in Appendix). Non-heroin opiate admissions were more likely to be White (93% vs. 98% in 2001; 94% vs. 98% in 2007), and correspondingly less likely to be Black (6% vs. 1% in 2001 and 5% vs. 1% in 2007) than heroin opiate admissions (Table 3.2 in Appendix). Heroin admissions were likely to be slightly older, on average, than non-heroin admissions (32.3 vs. 31.1 years old in 2001; 30.4 vs. 29.5 years old in 2007) (Fig. 3 and Table 3.3 in Appendix).

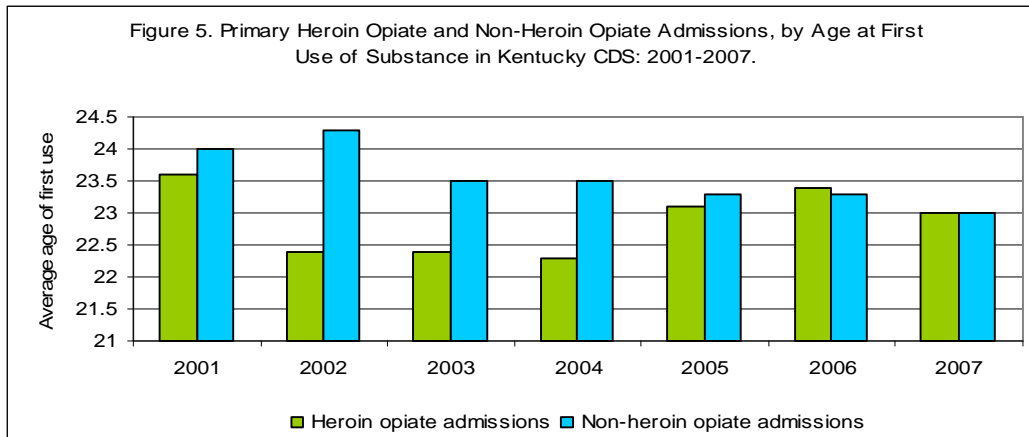


Non-heroin opiate admissions were likely than heroin admissions to be 18 to 24 years old (29% vs. 27% in 2001; 31% vs. 28% in 2007). The largest proportions of admissions for both non-heroin opiates and heroin opiates were likely to be clients aged from 25 to 34; however, they were likely to be little differences between non-heroin opiate admissions and heroin opiate admissions (29% vs. 27% in 2001 and 43% vs. 42% in 2007) (Fig. 4.1A, 4.1B and Table 3.3 in Appendix).

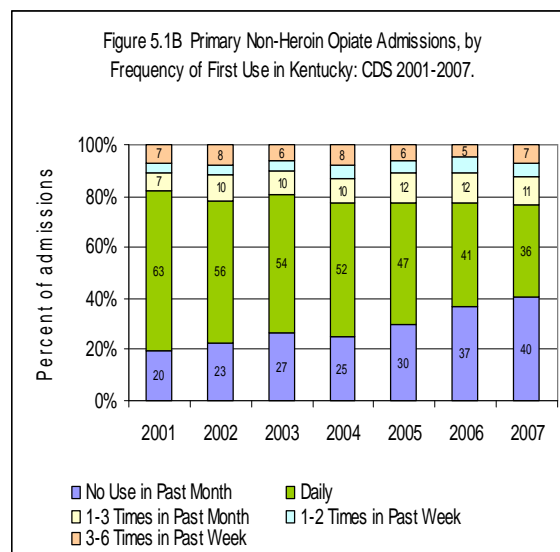
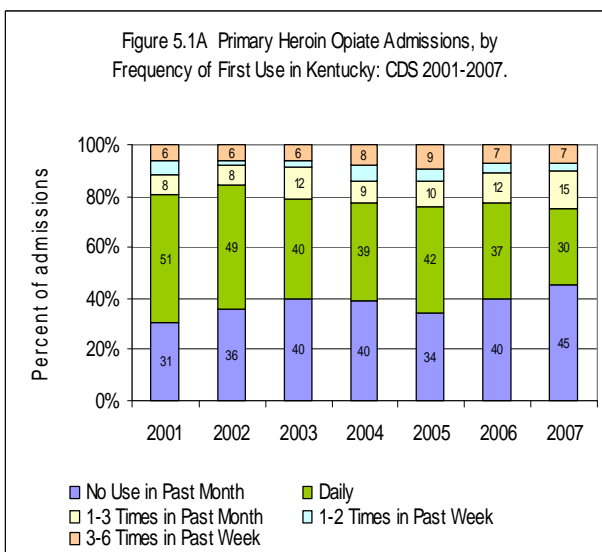


## Usage of Substances

Heroin opiate admissions were, on average, younger than non-heroin opiate admissions at the time of their first use of the drugs between 2001 and 2005 (23.6 vs. 24.0 years old in 2001; 23.1 vs. 23.5 years old in 2005); such admissions were about as likely to be as young as non-heroin opiate admissions between 2006 and 2007 (23.4 vs. 23.3 years old in 2006; 23 vs. 23 years old in 2007) (Fig. 5 and Table 4.3 in Appendix).

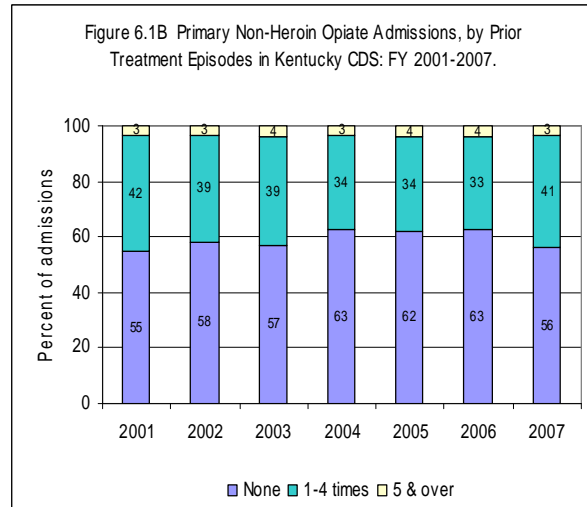
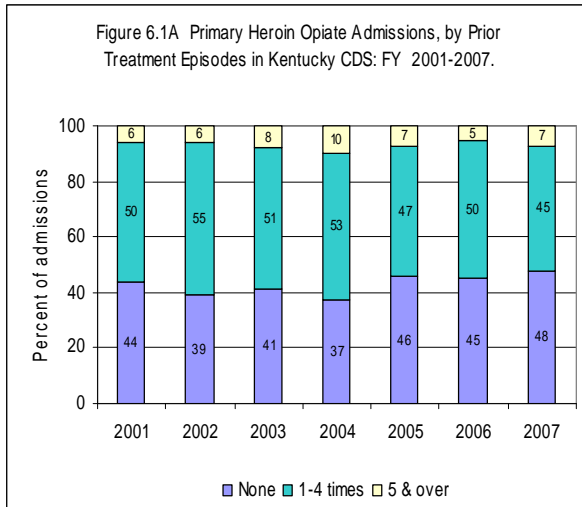


Non-heroin opiate admissions were more likely to have more daily use than heroin admissions (63% vs. 51% in 2001; 36% vs. 30% in 2007); however, such admissions were, reversely, more likely not to have used drugs in the past month than heroin admissions (20% vs. 31% in 2001; 45% vs. 40% in 2007) (Fig. 5.1A-5.1B and Table 4.2 in Appendix).



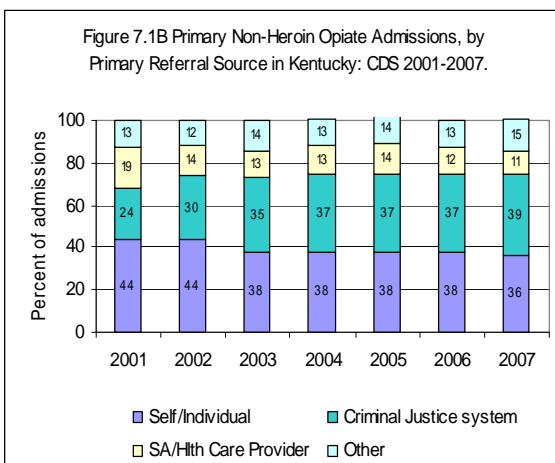
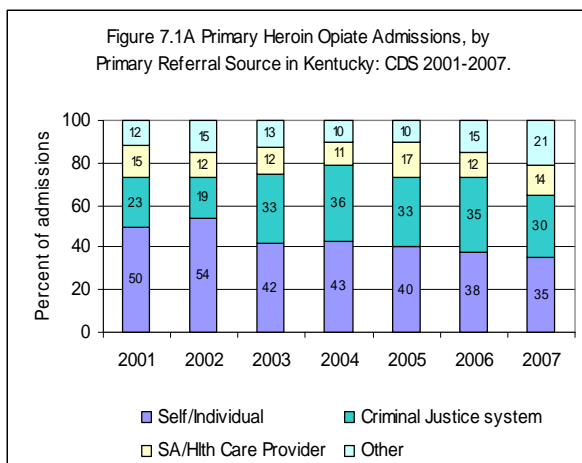
## Prior Treatments

Heroin opiate admissions were less likely to have the first time treatment (44% vs. 55% in 2001; 48% vs. 56% in 2007), or to have between one and four previous treatments (50% vs. 42% in 2001; 45% vs. 41% in 2007), or to have an extensive history of prior treatments of five and more times (6% vs. 3% in 2001; 7% vs. 3% in 2007) than non-heroin opiate admissions (Fig. 6.1A, 6.1B and Table 4.1 in Appendix).



## Source of Referral

Non-heroin opiate admissions were less likely to be referred to treatment by themselves (self/individuals) than heroin opiate admissions (44% vs. 50%) in 2001 and about as likely equally at 35% as heroin opiate admissions in 2007. Heroin opiate admissions were less likely to be referred to treatment through the criminal justice system (23% vs. 24% in 2001; 30% vs. 39% in 2007) than non-heroin opiate admissions (Fig. 7.1A-7.1B and Table 4.4 in Appendix).



Notes:

<sup>1</sup>This report is based on data selected from the Kentucky Client Data Set (CDS) from 2001-2007, collected from 14 Community Mental Health Centers in Kentucky and maintained by the University of Kentucky's Research and Data Management Center (UK-RDMC).

<sup>2</sup>The Primary substance of abuse is the main substance reported at the time of admission. Heroin opiates include heroin/morphine; non-heroin opiates include codeine, d-Propoxyphene, Oxycodone, Meperidine, Hydromorphone, other Narcotic Analgesics, and Pentazocine.

<sup>3</sup>Secondary substances are other substances of abuse also reported at the time of admission.

<sup>4</sup>Other drugs includes tranquilizers, sedatives/hypnotics, hallucinogens, PCP, inhalants, the over-the-counter drugs, and other.

Treatment Admissions, by Primary Substances of Abuse in Kentucky: CDS,  
Fiscal Years 2001-2007\*. Number and Percent Distribution.

Admissions of Primary Substances of Abuse**	Fiscal Year						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
TOTAL ADMISSIONS	17,647	18,023	18,491	18,824	17,507	18,375	15,813
Alcohol	57.2	53.9	50.3	48.2	45.0	42.6	42.1
Opiates	8.0	9.2	10.5	11.8	12.3	13.6	16.3
Cocaine	10.4	9.8	11.8	12.9	14.1	14.1	11.9
Marijuana	18.9	20.2	20.0	19.0	19.7	20.0	19.2
Stimulants	2.1	2.8	3.6	4.5	5.2	6.0	5.8
Other drugs	3.5	4.0	3.7	3.6	3.6	3.8	4.7

\*SOURCE: The Client Data Set, Fiscal years 2001-2007.

\*\*Total admissions did not include none/unknown substances of abuse.

Table 1B

Admissions of Primary Heroin Opiates and Non-Heroin Opiates in  
Kentucky CDS: Fiscal Years 2001-2007\*. Number and Percent.

Fiscal years	All admissions**	Opiates		Heroin opiates		Non-heroin opiates	
		Num.	Pct	Num.	Pct	Num.	Pct
2001	17,648	1,403	7.9	186	1.1	1,217	6.9
2002	18,023	1,664	9.2	169	0.9	1,495	8.3
2003	18,491	1,950	10.5	199	1.1	1,751	9.5
2004	18,824	2,218	11.8	213	1.1	2,005	10.7
2005	17,507	2,157	12.3	218	1.2	1,939	11.1
2006	18,377	2,493	13.6	274	1.5	2,219	12.1
2007	15,813	2,578	16.3	224	1.4	2,354	14.9

\*SOURCE: from Kentucky Client Data Set, Fiscal years 2001-2007.

\*\*Total admissions did not include none/unknown substances of abuse.

Heroin opiates include heroin/morphine. Non-heroin opiates include methadone, codeine, d-Propoxyphene, Oxycodone, Meperidine, Hydromorphone, Pentazocine, and other Narcotic Analgesics (including opium and any other drug with morphine like effects.)



Table 2

Primary Heroin Opiate and Non-Heroin Opiate Admissions with Co-Abuse of a Secondary Substance in Kentucky CDS: Fiscal Years 2001-2007\*.  
Number and Percent Distribution.

Admissions of primary opiates**	Fiscal Year						
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
OPIATE ADMISSIONS	1,403	1,664	1,950	2,218	2,157	2,493	2,578
Heroin opiates	13.3	10.2	10.2	9.6	10.1	11.0	8.7
Non-heroin opiates	86.7	89.8	89.8	90.4	89.9	89.0	91.3
Heroin opiates only	17.2	13.0	14.1	13.6	19.3	22.6	24.6
Heroin opiates with secondary substances	82.8	87.0	85.9	86.4	80.7	77.4	75.4
Alcohol	9.1	10.9	12.3	9.8	15.3	16.5	15.4
Non-heroin opiates	33.8	44.9	39.8	34.8	31.8	33.0	23.7
Cocaine/crack	23.4	17.7	14.6	22.8	23.3	24.1	26.6
Marijuana	16.9	17.0	18.1	20.7	19.3	15.6	21.9
Benzodiazepines	14.3	6.1	8.8	7.6	5.1	6.1	6.5
Other drugs	2.6	3.4	6.4	4.3	5.1	4.7	5.9
Non-heroin opiates only	36.4	37.4	36.7	35.8	36.9	38.8	37.3
Non-heroin opiates with secondary substances	63.6	62.6	63.3	64.2	63.1	61.2	62.7
Alcohol	23.8	18.2	17.5	16.8	17.1	17.9	16.2
Heroin opiates	7.0	5.7	4.2	5.0	3.2	4.6	3.3
Cocaine/crack	11.9	13.4	15.6	13.9	15.0	14.1	13.7
Marijuana	25.7	24.5	25.2	27.6	26.0	26.2	26.0
Benzodiazepines	26.5	32.7	31.0	31.7	31.9	31.1	34.0
Other drugs	5.2	5.7	6.4	5.0	6.8	6.2	6.8

\*SOURCE: from Kentucky Client Data Set, Fiscal years 2001-2007.

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Admissions of Primary Opiates, Heroin Opiates and  
Non-Heroin Opiates, by Gender in Kentucky CDS:  
FY 2001-2007\*. Number and Percent Distribution.

Fiscal Year and Primary Admissions**	Gender		
	Male	Female	Total
2001			
Opiates	54.6	45.4	1,402
Heroin Opiates	54.3	45.7	186
Non-Heroin Opiates	54.6	45.4	1,216
2002			
Opiates	53.1	46.9	1,664
Heroin Opiates	53.8	46.2	169
Non-Heroin Opiates	53.0	47.0	1,495
2003			
Opiates	52.9	47.1	1,950
Heroin Opiates	53.8	46.2	199
Non-Heroin Opiates	52.8	47.2	1,751
2004			
Opiates	52.6	47.4	2,212
Heroin Opiates	54.0	46.0	213
Non-Heroin Opiates	52.4	47.6	1,999
2005			
Opiates	52.5	47.5	2,145
Heroin Opiates	56.0	44.0	218
Non-Heroin Opiates	52.2	47.8	1,927
2006			
Opiates	51.4	48.6	2,490
Heroin Opiates	49.3	50.7	274
Non-Heroin Opiates	51.6	48.4	2,216
2007			
Opiates	52.8	47.2	2,578
Heroin Opiates	45.5	54.5	224
Non-Heroin Opiates	53.4	46.6	2,354

\*Sources: Data computed from Client Data Set, fiscal years 2001-2007.

\*\*Total admission did not include unknown gender.

Admissions of Primary Opiates, Heroin Opiates and Non-Heroin Opiates, by Race/Ethnicity in Kentucky CDS: Fiscal Years 2001-2007\*. Number and Percent Distribution.

Fiscal Year Primary Admissions**	Race/ethnicity			
	White	Black	Other	Total
2001				
Opiates	97.8	1.6	0.6	1,402
Heroin Opiates	93.0	6.5	0.5	186
Non-Heroin Opiates	98.5	0.9	0.6	1,216
2002				
Opiates	98.1	1.4	0.5	1,666
Heroin Opiates	94.2	4.1	1.7	172
Non-Heroin Opiates	98.6	1.1	0.3	1,494
2003				
Opiates	98.2	1.2	0.6	1,953
Heroin Opiates	98.0	2.0	0.0	199
Non-Heroin Opiates	98.2	1.1	0.6	1,754
2004				
Opiates	97.7	1.4	1.0	2,196
Heroin Opiates	92.5	3.8	3.8	212
Non-Heroin Opiates	98.2	1.1	0.7	1,984
2005				
Opiates	98.0	1.2	0.8	2,111
Heroin Opiates	89.0	7.8	3.2	218
Non-Heroin Opiates	99.0	0.4	0.5	1,893
2006				
Opiates	98.0	1.4	0.5	2,456
Heroin Opiates	93.4	4.8	1.8	272
Non-Heroin Opiates	98.6	1.0	0.4	2,184
2007				
Opiates	98.1	1.1	0.7	2,524
Heroin Opiates	94.0	5.1	0.9	215
Non-Heroin Opiates	98.5	0.8	0.7	2,309

\*Sources: Data computed from Client Data Set, fiscal years 2001-2007.

\*\*Total admission did not include unknown race/ethnicity.

Other race/ethnicity included Hispanics and other races (including American Indian, Asian, Alaskan Native, and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander).

Admissions of Primary Opiates, Heroin Opiates and Non-Heroin Opiates, by Age at Admission in Kentucky CDS: Fiscal Years 2001-2007\*. Number and Percent Distribution and Average Age (in Years) at Admission.

Fiscal Year		Age at Admission				Avg. age
		12-17	18-24	25-34	35 +	
Primary	Admissions**					
2001						
Opiates		2.7	27.1	34.7	35.5	31.3
Heroin Opiates		2.2	22.0	36.0	39.8	32.3
Non-Heroin Opiates		2.8	27.8	34.5	34.9	31.1
2002						
Opiates		2.2	27.7	34.5	35.6	31.2
Heroin Opiates		2.5	26.1	34.4	36.9	31.3
Non-Heroin Opiates		2.1	27.9	34.5	35.5	31.2
2003						
Opiates		2.1	30.2	38.0	29.7	30.4
Heroin Opiates		1.5	23.1	39.0	36.4	31.9
Non-Heroin Opiates		2.1	31.0	37.9	28.9	30.2
2004						
Opiates		1.6	32.2	38.3	27.8	30.1
Heroin Opiates		1.9	22.5	38.5	37.1	32.7
Non-Heroin Opiates		1.6	33.3	38.3	26.8	29.8
2005						
Opiates		1.6	28.4	41.5	28.5	30.4
Heroin Opiates		2.8	26.6	39.9	30.7	31.5
Non-Heroin Opiates		1.5	28.6	41.6	28.3	30.3
2006						
Opiates		1.3	28.5	42.8	27.3	30.4
Heroin Opiates		0.4	20.9	45.1	33.7	32.1
Non-Heroin Opiates		1.5	29.5	42.5	26.5	30.1
2007						
Opiates		2.3	30.7	43.2	23.8	29.6
Heroin Opiates		2.7	28.3	42.0	26.9	30.4
Non-Heroin Opiates		2.3	30.9	43.4	23.5	29.5

\*Sources: Data computed from Client Data Set, fiscal years 2001-2007.

\*\*Total admissions did not include unknown/invalid age.

Admissions of Primary Opiates, Heroin Opiates and  
Non-Heroin Opiates, by Number of Prior Treatment  
Episodes in Kentucky CDS: FY 2001-2007\*.  
Number and Percent Distribution.

Fiscal Year and Primary Admissions**	Number of Prior Treatments			
	None	1-4 times	5 + times	Total
2001				
Opiates	53.7	43.0	3.3	1,340
Heroin Opiates	43.8	50.0	6.2	178
Non-Heroin Opiates	55.2	41.9	2.8	1,162
2002				
Opiates	56.1	40.9	3.0	1,610
Heroin Opiates	39.1	54.6	6.2	161
Non-Heroin Opiates	58.0	39.4	2.6	1,449
2003				
Opiates	55.7	39.8	4.5	1,917
Heroin Opiates	40.9	50.5	8.6	198
Non-Heroin Opiates	57.4	38.5	4.0	1,719
2004				
Opiates	60.5	35.6	4.0	2,215
Heroin Opiates	36.6	52.6	10.8	213
Non-Heroin Opiates	63.0	33.8	3.2	2,002
2005				
Opiates	60.5	35.7	3.8	2,152
Heroin Opiates	46.0	47.4	6.5	215
Non-Heroin Opiates	62.1	34.5	3.5	1,937
2006				
Opiates	61.1	35.2	3.7	2,489
Heroin Opiates	44.7	49.8	5.5	273
Non-Heroin Opiates	63.2	33.4	3.4	2,216
2007				
Opiates	55.7	41.6	2.8	2,573
Heroin Opiates	48.4	45.3	6.3	223
Non-Heroin Opiates	56.3	41.2	2.5	2,350

\*Sources: Data computed from Client Data Set, fiscal years 2001-2007.

\*\*Total admissions did not include unknown number of prior treatment episodes.

Table 4.2

Admissions of Primary Opiates, Heroin Opiates and Non-Heroin Opiates, by Frequency of First Use of Substances in Kentucky CDS: FY 2001-2007\*. Number and Percent Distribution.

Fiscal Year and Primary Admissions**	Frequency of First Use of Substances				Daily use
	No use in past month	1-3 in past month	1-2 in past week	3-6 in past week	
2001					
Opiates	20.9	7.4	3.8	6.6	61.3
Heroin Opiates	30.5	7.9	5.5	5.5	50.6
Non-Heroin Opiates	19.5	7.3	3.5	6.8	62.9
2002					
Opiates	24.0	9.5	3.4	7.7	55.5
Heroin Opiates	35.5	7.7	1.9	5.8	49.0
Non-Heroin Opiates	22.7	9.7	3.6	7.9	56.2
2003					
Opiates	28.1	10.0	4.0	5.7	52.2
Heroin Opiates	39.7	12.4	2.6	5.7	39.7
Non-Heroin Opiates	26.8	9.8	4.2	5.7	53.5
2004					
Opiates	26.7	9.8	4.9	7.9	50.8
Heroin Opiates	39.6	8.5	5.7	7.5	38.7
Non-Heroin Opiates	25.3	9.9	4.8	8.0	52.1
2005					
Opiates	30.5	11.5	5.1	6.5	46.4
Heroin Opiates	33.5	10.2	5.1	9.3	41.9
Non-Heroin Opiates	30.1	11.6	5.1	6.2	47.0
2006					
Opiates	37.5	11.5	5.3	5.6	40.1
Heroin Opiates	39.8	11.7	4.0	7.3	37.2
Non-Heroin Opiates	37.2	11.5	5.5	5.4	40.5
2007					
Opiates	40.5	11.6	4.8	7.4	35.7
Heroin Opiates	44.8	14.8	3.1	7.2	30.0
Non-Heroin Opiates	40.1	11.3	4.9	7.4	36.2

\*Sources: Data computed from Client Data Set, fiscal years 2001-2007.

\*\*Total admissions did not include unknown frequency of first use of substances.

Table 4.3

Heroin Opiate and Non-Heroin Opiate Admissions, by Age at First Use of Substances in Kentucky CDS: Fiscal Years 2001-2007\*.  
Number and percent and Average Age (in years) at First Use.

Fiscal Year and Primary Admissions**	Percent of first use				Avg. age
	Under 18	18-24	25-34	Over 35	
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2001					
All opiates	23.8	37.0	27.5	11.7	23.9
Heroin opiates	27.9	33.6	27.1	11.4	23.6
Non-heroin opiates	23.3	37.4	27.5	11.7	24.0
2002					
All opiates	22.1	39.5	25.7	12.7	24.1
Heroin opiates	27.2	40.4	24.3	8.1	22.4
Non-heroin opiates	21.6	39.4	25.8	13.2	24.3
2003					
All opiates	24.2	39.5	25.0	11.3	23.4
Heroin opiates	27.8	44.8	18.6	8.8	22.4
Non-heroin opiates	23.8	38.9	25.8	11.6	23.5
2004					
All opiates	24.6	39.5	24.4	11.5	23.4
Heroin opiates	31.5	38.1	22.1	8.3	22.3
Non-heroin opiates	23.9	39.6	24.6	11.9	23.5
2005					
All opiates	23.7	41.2	24.2	10.9	23.3
Heroin opiates	21.7	44.8	23.1	10.5	23.1
Non-heroin opiates	23.8	40.9	24.3	11.0	23.3
2006					
All opiates	22.6	42.2	24.8	10.5	23.3
Heroin opiates	19.9	42.3	29.4	8.5	23.4
Non-heroin opiates	22.9	42.2	24.2	10.7	23.3
2007					
All opiates	25.7	41.6	23.0	9.8	23.0
Heroin opiates	22.2	45.2	24.9	7.7	23.0
Non-heroin opiates	26.0	41.3	22.8	10.0	23.0

\*Sources: Client Data Set, Fiscal years 2001-2007.

\*\*Total admissions did not include unknown/invalid age.

Table 4.4

Admissions of Primary Opiates, Heroin Opiates and Non-Heroin Opiates, by Primary Referral Source in Kentucky  
CDS: Fiscal Years 2001-2007. \* Number and Percent.

Fiscal Year and Primary Admissions**	Primary Referral Source			
	Self/ indi- vidual	Crimi- nal justice	SA/ Health centers	Other
2001				
Opiates	45.0	24.3	18.0	12.8
Heroin Opiates	50.0	23.4	14.7	12.0
Non-Heroin Opiates	44.2	24.4	18.5	12.9
2002				
Opiates	44.8	28.8	14.1	12.3
Heroin Opiates	54.2	19.0	11.9	14.9
Non-Heroin Opiates	43.8	29.9	14.4	12.0
2003				
Opiates	38.1	35.2	13.1	13.6
Heroin Opiates	42.2	33.3	11.7	12.8
Non-Heroin Opiates	37.6	35.4	13.3	13.7
2004				
Opiates	38.0	36.6	13.1	12.3
Heroin Opiates	42.7	36.2	10.8	10.3
Non-Heroin Opiates	37.5	36.6	13.3	12.5
2005				
Opiates	37.7	34.3	13.9	14.0
Heroin Opiates	39.6	32.3	17.5	10.6
Non-Heroin Opiates	37.5	34.6	13.5	14.4
2006				
Opiates	38.2	36.9	12.2	12.7
Heroin Opiates	38.1	35.2	12.1	14.7
Non-Heroin Opiates	38.2	37.1	12.2	12.5
2007				
Opiates	35.8	37.9	11.1	15.2
Heroin Opiates	35.3	29.5	13.8	21.4
Non-Heroin Opiates	35.8	38.7	10.8	14.6

\*Sources: Client Data Set, Fiscal years 2001-2007.

\*\*Total admissions did not include unknown primary referral sources.